## **Key Components:**

## 1. Iterator Interface (Iterator):

- This interface defines methods for iterating over a collection. It has two key methods:
  - hasNext(): Checks if there are more elements in the collection.
  - next(): Returns the next element in the collection.

# 2. Concrete Iterator (BookIterator):

This class implements the Iterator interface for traversing through an array of books.
 It maintains an index (position) to keep track of the current position and provides the logic for moving through the collection.

### 3. Container Interface (IterableCollection):

• This interface defines the getIterator() method, which will return an iterator for the collection. This ensures that the collection can provide an iterator for traversal.

# 4. Concrete Container (BookCollection):

 This class implements IterableCollection and represents a collection of books. It holds an array of books and provides methods to add books and get an iterator (getIterator()).

### 5. Book Class:

o Represents individual book objects with properties like title and author.

## 6. Client Code (IteratorPatternExample):

In the main method, a BookCollection is created, and books are added to it. We then
get an iterator from the collection and use it to traverse the list of books using the
hasNext() and next() methods.

# Flow of Execution:

#### 1. Book Collection:

o The BookCollection stores an array of Book objects.

#### 2. Adding Books:

We add several Book objects to the BookCollection using the addBook() method.

## 3. **Iterating Through the Collection**:

- To access the books, we call getIterator() on BookCollection, which returns a BookIterator.
- Using the hasNext() and next() methods of BookIterator, we loop through and print each book's details.

# **Advantages of This Example:**

- **Encapsulation**: The internal structure of the BookCollection (an array) is hidden. The client only interacts with the collection through the iterator.
- **Separation of Concerns**: The collection class (BookCollection) handles storage, while the iterator (BookIterator) handles traversal.
- **Flexible Traversal**: If the underlying collection type changes (e.g., from an array to a list), the client code does not need to change; only the iterator would need adjustment.

This approach makes it easy to traverse any collection of books without needing to know its internal structure or logic.